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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS EDITORIAL ON SECRETARY'S VANCE'S VISIT

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE IN THE WEEKLY SAUDI NEWS MAGAZINE IQRAA, FEB 24 EDITION, UNDER THE TITEL OF "THREE OBJECTIVES OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO RIYADH." ACCOMPANYING THE TEXT IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF SEC. VANCE AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: CYRUS VANCE CONFIRMED THAT HE IS HOPEFUL TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS WITH REGARD TO REACHING A SETTLEMENT ACCEPTED BY ALL OF THE SIDES CONCERNED IN THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. HE ALSO LAUDED THE WISDOM OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND THE COMPRESHENSION OF FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL REGARDING THE FAR-REACHING OBJECTIVES OF THE SITUATION AND THEIR CONCERN WITH REGARD TO ACHIEVING THE EXPECTED RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE TO RIYADH HAS ACHEIVED THE FOLLOWING THREE OBJECTIVES: FIRST, TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF
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ARAB IDEAS WITH REGARD TO THE SETTLEMENT WHICH MUST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH RIYADH WHICH STANDS AS AN AXIS OF ARAB CONFIDENCE. THE SAUDI VIEW REPRESENTS A COMPREHENSIVE MODERATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ARAB VIEWPOINT. IT IS BASED ON AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN AN OBJECTIVE MANNER REGARDING THE PROBLEM IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT CHANGING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES. SECOND, GETTING

TO KNOW THE EXPECTED REACTIONS IN CASE THE PRESENT
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY
SETTLEMENT AS A RESULT OF ISRAELI OBSTINANCY.
THIRD, TO REALIZE THE EFFECT OF THE RECENT AMERICAN
STEP TOWARDS ABOLISHING THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING ISRAEL
WITH CONCUSSION BOMBS.

OBSERVERS REFER TO THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN SECRE-
TARY OF STATE FEELS THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULTIES OBSTRUCTING
THE COURSE TO A QUICK SOLUTION IN THE REGION AND THE HE
MUST EXERT GREATER EFFORTS FOR REACHING A SOLUTION.
FUTURE VISITS OF LEADERS OF THE STATES TO THIS REGION
TO THE UNITED STATES MIGHT REPRESENT THE MOST IDEAL WAY FOR
ELUCIDATING THE CLOSED, VAGUE ASPECTS IN THE DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED.
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